

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An ionically balanced composition for applying to soil or plants comprising an aqueous solution ~~or dry admixture~~ of at least one nonionic acrylamide polymer, a cationic pesticide formulation, and an ionically counterbalanced diluent in an amount to achieve an ionic balance with respect to said cationic pesticide formulation.

2. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, where the ionically counterbalance diluent is a nitrogen source.

3. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the nitrogen containing source is an ammonium salt.

4. (Original) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the ammonium salt is a member selected from the group consisting of ammonium sulfate, ammonium chloride, ammonium metaphosphate, ammonium nitrate, diammonium phosphate, monoammonium phosphate, ammonium phosphate nitrate, ammonium phosphate sulfate, ammonium polysulfate, ammonium polyphosphate, ammonium sulfate nitrate, ammonium thiosulfate, ammonium polysulfide, ammonium citrate and urea and mixtures thereof.

5. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the nitrogen containing source is ammonium sulfate.
6. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, which additionally contains an anionic or nonionic polymer of acrylamide.
7. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, which contains a mixture of nonionic acrylamide polymers and anionic polymers of acrylamide.
8. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the acrylamide polymer is polyacrylamide.
9. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer of acrylamide is a copolymer with up to 20% by weight of an unsaturated comonomer.
10. (Currently Amended) An aqueous concentrate comprising an aqueous solution of a water soluble nonionic and/or anionic acrylamide polymer, a cationic pesticide formulation and an ionically counterbalanced diluent in an amount sufficient to achieve an ionic balance with respect to said cationic pesticide formulation.
11. (Currently Amended) The concentrate according to claim 10, in which the ~~solution~~ additionally contains an active ingredient which pesticide is a herbicide.

12. (Currently Amended) The concentrate according to claim ~~[[10]]~~ 11, wherein the herbicide is an amine or metallic salt of glyphosate amine thereof, salt thereof or other water soluble form, phenoxy herbicide as amine or metallic salt as in its free acid form.

13. (Original) The concentrate according to claim 10, in which the polymer is formed from 80 to 100% acrylamide and up to 20% ethylenically unsaturated anionic monomer.

14. (Original) The concentrate according to claim 10, in which the polymer is a nonionic polyacrylamide, an anionic polyacrylamide or blends thereof.

15. (Original) The concentrate according to claim 10, which additionally contains a nitrogen containing source, and optionally a surfactant.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of making an aqueous ionically balanced concentrate for use in preparing an agricultural formulation for application to a plant or soil, comprising mixing together at least one acrylamide polymer, a pesticide and optionally water to form a blend where the blend is not ionically balanced, and

then adding to the blend a sufficient amount of an ionically counterbalanced diluent to ionically balance said concentrate.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16, which additionally comprises adding a nitrogen containing source to the concentrate, and optionally at least one of a surfactant ~~and a herbicide.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A method of applying an ionically balanced composition to soil or a plant comprising ~~spraying~~ forming an admixture of at least one acrylamide polymer[[,]] and a herbicide, which admixture is not ionically balanced, and adding to said admixture a sufficient amount of an ionically counterbalanced diluent to form an ionically balanced composition, and optionally, a surfactant and applying said composition to the soil or plant.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, where the ionically counterbalanced diluent is a nitrogen source in the composition to be applied to the soil or plant.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 19, wherein the nitrogen containing source is an ammonium salt.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 20, wherein the ammonium salt is ammonium sulfate.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein the composition contains a mixture of a nonionic polyacrylamide and an anionic polyacrylamide.